

Weekly Status & Information Report: June 11 - 15, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of June 18, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, June 18, 7:45 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Tree Commission meeting, Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Board of Elections meeting, Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Ward 6 Night - Monday!: Join the City Council and your neighbors in Ward 6 for a reception in the Atrium Lobby on Monday, June 18, 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Following the reception, the first part of the City Council meeting will be dedicated to hearing from residents of Ward 6. Contact Jessie Carpenter at 301-891-7267 or JessieC@takomagov.org for additional information. (City Clerk)

3. Voter Registration Deadline for Ward 5 Special Election: The voter registration cut-off date for the Ward 5 Special Election is Monday, June 18. All new registrations and changes of address must have been received by the Montgomery County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on June 18 or mailed and postmarked on or before June 16, 2012. Non-U.S. citizen voters must be registered with the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on June 18. There will be no exceptions. Voter registration forms are available at the Takoma Park Community Center. Contact Jessie Carpenter at 301-891-7267 or JessieC@takomagov.org for additional information. (City Clerk)

4. Opening Reception TONIGHT - June 15: Celebrate "Art from the Heart of an Optimist" with Takoma Park artist Crystal Pittman this evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Atrium Gallery 3 at the Takoma Park Community Center. A natural optimist, Pittman enjoys creating art that gives the heart joy. Her paintings often reflect her experiences and memories, which transcend boundaries and allow us all to relate. Crystal's paintings and portraits dance with color and sculpt textures expressive of how the artist feels about the natural beauty of a face, landscape or memory. www.facebook.com/events (Housing and Community Development)

5. We are Takoma - Piano, Poetry and the Pied Piper: Next week "We are Takoma" offers a bit of something for almost everyone! On Wednesday, June 20, experience a "live blog" of music with pianist Carl Banner playing Darius Milhaud and more. The following evening - Thursday, June 21 - is dedicated to poetry with the Third Thursday poetry series featuring the work of Anne Bracken, Janice Lynch Schuster, Mary Beth Hatem and Annetta Sawyer. And to wrap things up, on Saturday afternoon its Mr. Gabe - the Pied Piper of Takoma Park - with music and fun for the child in each of us. It's all at the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Free admission - donations encouraged. For details, check us out on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events> or drop us an email at SaraD@takomagov.org to be added to our email list. (Housing and Community Development)

6. Long Branch Sector Plan Community Meeting - June 25: Montgomery County planners are inking a plan that considers ways to improve connections for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, bring a mix of homes, offices, retail and entertainment uses, and upgrade public spaces like parks and streetfronts. Join planners at a community meeting to learn more and provide feedback on preliminary recommendations for the Long Branch Sector Plan. Monday, June 25, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Rolling Terrace Elementary School, 705 Bayfield Street, Takoma Park. For more information, see www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/longbranch/. (Housing and Community Development)

7. Community Weighs In on Future Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape: A public open house was held on Thursday, June 14, at the Takoma Park Community Center to present design alternatives for the future Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape and gather community feedback. Seventeen residents and business owners discussed their questions with the project team and left written comments on their preferred design alternatives and streetscape details. The designs are posted on the project web page and open to further comments: www.thenewwave.com/development/projects/eaq. For more information, contact Erkin Ozberk at 301-891-7213 or ErkinO@takomagov.org. (Housing and Community Development)

8. Planning Staff Attends Training: June 4 -8, Erkin Ozberk in the Planning Division completed a certificate training on Charrette facilitation and management at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. A Charrette is an intensive, multi-day design and planning workshop that helps build community capacity for collaboration to create healthy community plans. The training was provided by the National Charrette Institute (www.charretteinstitute.org), a nonprofit educational institution. June 12-13, HCD Director Sara Anne Daines attended a workshop on "Comprehensive Planning for Sustainable Communities." The focus of the APA sponsored workshop was on the importance of linking the "3- Es" - Equity, Environment and Economy - in planning for a sustainable community and the development of measures for gauging success. (Housing and Community Development)

9. The Community Garden is Here: On Wednesday, June 13, the first plantings for the Community Garden at Takoma Park Recreation Center were begun. Led by Todd Leavitt, the Community Garden was started with the planting of tomatoes, bananas and jalapeno peppers. Thanks to the Recreation Committee for the contribution of plants. We look forward to the continual growth of our garden and providing residents with new opportunities to socialize and build a sense of community. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. (Recreation)

10. Tremendous Trips - FUN, FUN, FUN: This past Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 100 girls and boys took part in our wonderful Tremendous Trips program. This program is designed to give youth the opportunity to see the world in three days! On

Wednesday, the program traveled to Capitol Club House in Waldorf for ice skating and rock climbing. On Thursday, the program visited the Gaithersburg Water Park. On Friday participants took over Volcano Island in Sterling, Virginia. (Recreation)

11. Seniors Birthday Party: April, May and June birthdays were celebrated with cake, ice cream, and well wishes on Friday, June 15, in the Lilac Room, Takoma Park Community Center. Seniors played "Trade the Prize" party games. Lots of laughs and fun! (Recreation)

12. FIFTY IS NIFTY!: On Saturday, June 16, Takoma Park Recreation Center will host 50 & Over Basketball! It is great exercise and immense fun for everyone. Come out on Saturday at 11:45 a.m. and shoot around or play a fun game of basketball with friends! If you or someone you know is 50 or over, come and join the fun at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. (Recreation)

13. T-Ball – Week 1 Games Begin: With 130 T-ball players, and countless volunteer coaches and parents, the 2012 T-ball Season should get off to a great start this weekend. Volunteers are at the heart of a good program and the Takoma Park Recreation Department would like to thank them for their dedication. Game schedules have been posted online at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/flyers/tball-2012-schedule.pdf> (Recreation)

14. Softball Championship Sunday – Adult Co-ed League: Eight teams played in the regular season but now it is down to five teams – all playing for the title of 2012 Softball League Champions. The Recreation Department would like to wish all post-season teams good luck this weekend! (Recreation)

15. Summer Camp - Begins Monday: Monday, June 18 will officially kick off the summer for the Takoma Park Recreation Department as Summer Camp fun will be in full swing. Nearly 1,000 youths and teens have already signed up to participate this summer. Staff is eagerly awaiting the arrival of campers and has been preparing to ensure an unforgettable camp experience. Parents: summer camp forms can be found online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation next to the Summer Camp logo. Paperwork must be completed and submitted on or before the first day of camp. Campers will not be allowed to attend camp until all forms have been completed and submitted. For more information please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

16. Summer Quest: Our 2012 Summer Quest reading program is off to a rousing start! At our launch on Monday evening, June 11, a record number of readers – more than 75 – signed up for the program, which is created by Library Assistant Dave Burbank and sponsored by the Friends of the Library. By Friday, we had registered a total of more than 140 readers, ranging in age from under 1 year through adult. If you haven't yet registered, don't worry! Readers can sign up anytime during the summer for our unique program. And remember, we're the only library in the State of Maryland to create our own summer reading program. (Library)

17. Scribblers Cabal Program: Young artists, mark your calendars: The next "Scribblers Cabal" program will be held on Saturday, June 30, from 2-4 p.m. in the Library's Children's Room. Hosted by Library Assistant and artist extraordinaire Dave Burbank, our "Scribbler's Cabal" offers young artists a change to share ideas and suggestions as they work on their own drawings. No registration required, just bring your pad, pencil and ideas, and prepare to have fun! (Library)

18. Officers in Meetings:

- On June 12, Capt. Coursey participated in a Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) functional exercise simulating the management of a large scale severe summer storm event.
- On June 13, Chief Ricucci spoke with Montgomery County Police regarding assigning one of our officers to join their task force. (Police)

19. Officers in Training: On June 11-14, Pvt. Goldin attended training entitled "Standard Field Sobriety Testing" at the Baltimore County Police Department's Training Section in Dundalk, Maryland. (Police)

20. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):

- On June 4, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye replied to the Citizen's Police Academy inquiries. She prepared for the Jazz Festival. She also conducted bike patrol in Wards 1 and 3.
- On June 6-8, Officer Magnaye attended a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD Systems) instructor certification course. She successfully completed and is now certified to teach the RAD Systems basic self-defense course for women.
- On June 10, Officer Magnaye tended a Jazz Festival community booth.
- On June 11, Officer Magnaye assisted citizens with inquiries on specific issues targeting the senior citizen community (Woodchuck Scams). She conducted morning business checks on Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue, two residential security surveys for citizens on Cedar Avenue and Sycamore Avenue, and a foot patrol on University Boulevard.
- On June 12, Officer Magnaye conducted morning business checks on University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue. She created and disseminated her monthly safety topic. She updated the National Night Out web page.
- On June 13, Officer Magnaye attended a Triad/SALT meeting, which is a regional meeting where crime prevention/safety, specifically regarding the senior citizens community, is discussed.
- On June 14, Officer Magnaye assisted citizens with quality of life issues. She appeared on C-TV in reference to travel safety information to be aired. She conducted a residential security survey for a citizen on Baltimore Avenue. She also attended a community meeting at Victory Tower. (Police)

21. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (June 8-14, 2012) may be viewed online at: http://cathyplevy.blogspot.com/2012/06/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_15.html. (Police)

22. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 132 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, four vehicle impounds, five Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic and two warrant arrests from traffic.

During June 6-14, 2012, the following details were completed:

June 6, 2012

- Kennebec Avenue and Flower Avenue (speeding) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 700 block of Ethan Allen Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- Philadelphia Avenue and Holly Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.
- Erskine Street and 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- Flower Avenue and Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and two warnings.
- Prince George's Avenue and Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Flower Avenue and Houston Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

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- Elm Avenue and Devonshire Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 4th Avenue and Allegheny Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Philadelphia Avenue and Holly Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- Flower Avenue and Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

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- Flower Avenue and Houston Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

June 9, 2012

- Flower Avenue and Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued 11 State citations.

June 10, 2012

- Flower Avenue and Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

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- 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and had one arrest from traffic.
- Maple Avenue and Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

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- New Hampshire Avenue and Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.

23. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Stats for June 11-14, 2012:

State Citations issued: 14

Warnings: 4

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 2

Calls for Service: 21

On-view Arrests: 1

Reports Written: 6

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 3

Court: 1.5 hours

Foot patrol: 1 hour

Training: 11 hours

(Police)